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COMPUTER SECURITY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting
Held at CIA Headquarters
Langley, Virginia
26 November 1968

1. The 5th meeting of the Computer Security Subcommittee
(formerly Working Group) of the USIB Security Committee was held
on 26 November 1968 between 1330 and 1545 hours in Room 4E-64,
CIA Headquarters Building.   In attendance were:

Members

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Mr. Richard Kitterman, State

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Mr. Thomas Eccleston, Army
Mr. Robert C. Allen, Navy
Lt. Col. Charles V. Burns, Air Force
Mr. Raymond J. Brady, AEC

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Mr. Donald R. Roderick, FBI

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Alternates, Consultants, &Observers

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Mr. Carl R. Lambert, JCCRG Ad Hoc Committee
Lt. Col. William D. Marsland, JCS/JCCRG
Mr. William S. Donaldson, Jr., Air Force
Mr. Conrad Banner, FBI

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2. The security level of the meeting was announced as TOP SECRET, non-codeword.

3. The minutes of the 10 September 1968 meeting were approved without change.

4. <u>Report on Subcommittee Status</u>: The Chairman announced that the Security Committee at its 24 September 1968 meeting had endorsed the role of the Computer Security Working Group as outlined in the memorandum dated 10 September 1968 and forwarded to the Chairman of the Security Committee. The DIA IBSEC Member recommended, however, that the Working Group be established as a permanent USIB subcommittee. This DIA recommendation was approved by the Committee and a memorandum making this recommendation was forwarded to USIB during October. In subsequent staffing in the community the proposal to establish a permanent Computer Security Subcommittee was concurred in by all USIB members. The Department of State added a proviso that the Subcommittee would not infringe upon the primary security authority of the SIGINT Committee or of COMIREX in their respective fields. Subsequent to this community concurrence the DCI approved the establishment of the Subcommittee on 18 November 1968.

5. At the 19 November 1968 Security Committee meeting with the endorsement of IBSEC Members the Chairman of the Security Committee reappointed [   ] as Subcommittee Chairman. It was   STAT
pointed, out, however, that in a year's time consideration may be given toward rotating Subcommittee Chairmanship.

6. <u>Consolidation of Problem Identification</u>: A summary of individual security problem areas in the computer environment was received during the instant meeting from the FBI Member. This completed the submissions from member agencies. The Chairman distributed an initial summary of these problem areas identified by Members and requested assistance in preparing a consolidated outline for submission as a report to the Security Committee. At the suggestion of the Navy representative, a Task Team was established to consolidate individual submissions into a comprehensive outline. Mr. Allen was appointed Chairman of this Task Team; the AEC, Air Force, and DIA Subcommittee members also agreed to serve on it.

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With the approval of the Subcommittee this Team would review individual agency submissions and present a consolidated report for Committee review at its next meeting. It is anticipated that copies of this consolidated report will be available to Members in advance of the meeting.

7. <u>Disc Refurbishing</u>: As scheduled by the Chairman's proposal at the 10 September Working Group meeting, the feasibility of establishing a center for refurbishing computer discs was discussed during the meeting. The purpose of such a center would be to permit the dismantling of computer disc packs, the replacement of the platters themselves and the ability to destroy platters used for sensitive processing without destroying the entire pack. The substance of the comments received from Members during the meeting indicated endorsement of the idea of conducting such a study. It was generally recognized that the "downgrading" of computer disc packs poses a practical problem in many areas of the community; at the same time some Members indicated that this is not a real problem in some environments. [   ] indicated that he had received estimates **STAT** from one source that the cost of such an operation might come close to the cost of a new disc pack. This discussion was not completed at the instant meeting since some Members did not have an opportunity to obtain comments from their organizations. Discussion of this item was deferred until a following Subcommittee meeting.

8. <u>Need for Technical Participation in the Subcommittee's Efforts</u>: The Chairman introduced the point that technical experience was mandatory in the efforts of the Subcommittee to address computer security problems. Recalling earlier discussion of this point, he emphasized that individual members, who are security professionals, should be in close contact with the computer personnel of their own organizations and are encouraged to have technical representatives with them at Subcommittee meetings.

9. <u>CIA Membership</u>: The Chairman introduced [   ] **STAT** as the CIA Member of the Subcommittee, noting a need for a separate individual to represent that Agency on the Subcommittee. He pointed out that this would permit him to speak more for the group than for CIA in Subcommittee meetings.

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10. <u>Contact with Joint Chiefs of Staff:</u> The Chairman noted that he had been requested by an Ad Hoc Committee established by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to study the proposed co-location of the Command and Control Centers and the Intelligence Data Handling Systems of the Department of Defense, to present to this Committee a briefing on community and other efforts being pursued to resolve security problems in the computer environment. It was pointed out that this JCS Committee has as one of its primary objectives the consideration of security problems involved in the proposed co-location. He introduced Col. Marsland ~~and Mr. Lambert~~ to the Subcommittee as individuals engaged in the JCS Committee effort, and indicated that they had been invited to attend Subcommittee meetings in an observer status.

11. <u>Liaison with Other Computer Security Groups:</u> As expressed in the "charter" memorandum of the Group, the Chairman indicated that he would like to encourage liaison between the Subcommittee and any other efforts under way in the computer security arena. He emphasized that such contact would permit a free exchange of information, particularly advancements made in addressing computer security problems. With this in mind, the JCS observers had been invited to attend Subcommittee meetings. The Chairman foresees that other such participation will be encouraged in the future.

12. <u>Evaluation of Systems Security:</u> The Chairman announced that a meeting had been held at NSA on 22 November, at which testing criteria were outlined for the evaluation of security in the COINS network. Although this meeting represented only a beginning, it is recognized that development of such testing criteria will be a major project not only in the COINS environment but in individual agencies as part of any system certification process. For this reason, the Chairman encouraged Members to give thought to the development of testing plans for systems security. [   ] noted that he is   STAT
engaged in such an effort, the purpose of which is to evaluate the security of the DIA ~~ANSWERS~~ Project. He agreed to provide information in the future on DIA progress in system security evaluation.

13. The next Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for 1330 hours on 18 December 1968 at CIA Headquarters Building.

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Chairman
Computer Security Subcommittee

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